

2021 Bay Area Regional Virtual Science Bowls for High School & Middle School Students

Invite you...

...to compete in one of our **Regional Virtual Science Bowls** for High School or Middle School competitions scheduled for the California Bay Area in 2021. Schools must compete in the regional competition based on the county the school is in. Geographic boundaries (counties) are listed on the next page and on the registration webpage.

The Science Bowl is a Jeopardy-like, highly competitive science academic event for teams of either high school or middle school students. An elimination format will be used in the regional competitions.

The winning team (5 students and 1 coach) of each regional competition qualifies to compete in the annual U.S. Department of Energy's in-person (or virtual, if necessary) **NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL®** on **April 29– May 3, 2021** in **Washington, DC**. The Department of Energy pays all expenses at the National competition.

For more information about The National Science Bowl® or rules and information, including sample questions and forms, please visit: <https://science.osti.gov/wdts/nsb>

2021 High School Dates 9th – 12th Grade

February 6

Virtual Competition Hosted by
SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory
Menlo Park, CA

March 6

Virtual Competition Hosted by:
Sandia National Laboratories
Livermore, CA

2021 Middle School Dates 6th – 8th Grade

January 30

Virtual Competition Hosted by:
Sandia National Laboratories
Livermore, CA

February 20

Virtual Competition Hosted by
CA South/West Bay Area & SLAC National
Accelerator Laboratory, Menlo Park, CA

2020 Bay Area
Regional Winners:



*Regional AND National Winners!
Dougherty Valley High School, San Ramon*



Harker High School, San Jose



Winston Churchill Middle School, Carmichael



Harker Middle School, San Jose

Our goal is as broad a representation among schools as possible. Multiple teams will likely only be accepted at the very end of the registration process should there be sufficient volunteers. All teams from the same school must register and compete in the same regional. *We expect to be able to accommodate only 1st teams from a school and possibly a few 2nd teams.*

In the NSB virtual format, the final number of participating teams will be based on the host having sufficient volunteers. We cannot predict how many teams we will ultimately accept, so register early!

- Teams will be approved by the regional coordinators to participate as soon as we confirm sufficient volunteers
- In the off chance that other teams can be accepted (sufficient volunteers, drop outs, etc.), additional teams will be contacted in the order they registered

Please take seriously your commitment to this activity. If your team is unable to participate, please notify us as soon as possible so we can fill the empty slot with another deserving school.

If you are entering multiple teams, please submit a registration form for each team. The coach can be the same or different adult for each team. **Coaches who are not on the school's faculty must have the principal's written consent submitted to and accepted by the National Science Bowl® office.** Coaches can make changes to the team members before and during the Saturday morning registration process, but no changes are allowed following the morning registration or during the competition. As stated earlier, **ONLY THOSE STUDENTS WHO COMPETED ON THE WINNING REGIONAL TEAM ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOWL®.**

Coaches must REGISTER and SUBMIT their teams online beginning **October 1, 2020**, at 9:00 AM Pacific time. ***Any information submitted earlier will be disregarded.*** Coordinators will approve only "eligible" teams that demonstrate a good-faith submission by including at least 4 students' names and information. All participants must have access to two Zoom-capable electronic devices such as a smart phone and laptop.

◆ To register your High School please visit:
<https://science.osti.gov/wdts/nsb/Regional-Competitions/High-School-Regionals>

◆ To register your Middle School please visit:
<https://science.osti.gov/wdts/nsb/Regional-Competitions/Middle-School-Regionals>

Be sure to select the correct regional competition and date based on the regional's geographic boundary. *If your county is not listed by any regional, you can contact the point of contact at a regional of interest for approval.* If you have any questions, or there are problems with the online registration, please contact the point of contact listed on each registration site. We hope to see many of you at these Regional Science Bowl competitions in 2021.

Coaches (only) will be contacted via email regarding the competition format, schedule, and all other necessary information. Make absolutely certain that the coach is eligible per the NSB website and that their email is correct. While each site's schedule will differ in details, the general schedule for each competition will be:

- 8:00 AM.....Registration and Announcements
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.....Morning Qualifying Competitions
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM.....Lunch Break
- 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.....Elimination Rounds
- 4:00 PM.....Award Ceremony - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place team trophies will be awarded.

**HIGH SCHOOL (9th – 12th Grade)
2021 Bay Area Regional Science Bowls**

Date	Geographic Boundaries (Counties)	Virtual Host
February 6, 2021	San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, & Marin counties	SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory
March 6, 2021	Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa, Sonoma & Solano counties + any area in CA not covered in other regionals	Sandia National Laboratories

**MIDDLE SCHOOL (6th – 8th Grade)
2021 Bay Area Regional Science Bowls**

Date	Geographic Boundaries (Counties)	Virtual Host
January 30, 2021	Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa, Sonoma & Solano counties + any area in CA not covered in other regionals	Sandia National Laboratories
February 20, 2021	San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, & Marin counties	South/West Bay Area & SLAC